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24 MAY 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. William Miller, Director,
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Staff

1. At the suggestion of [] and with the concurrence of the OLC, I spoke on 23 May 1978 on the secure telephone with Mr. William Miller of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I explained to Mr. Miller why we were so concerned about the SSCI's report []

-- The overall charge that we had "misled Congress" was unfair.

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allegation, the report mentions two isolated instances which were immediately corrected and edits another of our cables to change the meaning of the message to support the allegation. Furthermore, the charge that we had provided false information about [] aircraft was also based on quoting from paragraph two of the memorandum in question and omitting paragraph one, which clearly sets forth the information which we are falsely accused of withholding from Congress.

2. We also noted that Mr. Moore had not promised to show us his report in advance, but he had promised to bring to our attention any points of criticism of CIA before submitting the report.

3. Mr. Miller said he was willing to make revisions in the report to take care of these misimpressions caused by editing. I said it was not just a matter of correcting a few incidental points, but we sought the withdrawal of the basic allegation that we had misled Congress. Mr. Miller said he would consider whatever rebuttal we might have to offer, and that if it is convincing, he would be willing to change the report.

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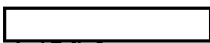
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4. I told Mr. Miller that a report which is clearly biased and unfair in its editing of the messages it cites is bound to raise serious questions among our operations officers as to its purpose. To some it would appear that in supporting Stockwell's allegations, the Committee Staff might be siding with Stockwell's assertion that a clandestine intelligence service is not needed for our national security.

5. Mr. Miller assured me that this was not the case. We agreed that we would provide him with our rebuttal, and he would do his best to see that it received a fair hearing.


Chief, Africa Division

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